



Nayland Primary School  
**Cygnets class newsletter**

Spring 1

**Our theme this half term is Monsters and Dinosaurs**

Our topic this half term is all about monsters and dinosaurs. I am sure they will have fun as they learn new skills and use their imaginations. Along with the familiar story of The Gruffalo there will also be new monster stories, rhymes and songs giving lots of opportunities for joining in, writing, including labels, descriptions and lists, practicing our phonics and learning to use rhyming words.

**What will be learned**

Maths	<p><u>Doubles</u>—understand how to double  <u>9 and 10</u>— recognise, count, compare and represent 9 and 10, combine two groups, one more, one less, composition of numbers, subitising, number bonds to 10, odd and even numbers</p> <p><u>Length</u> — explore and compare length</p>
English	<p>We will be recapping all phonemes and digraphs learnt as well as learning to read the tricky words. Children will continue to practise writing precursive letters. Children will spell words by identifying sounds in them and represent the sounds with letters. They will write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others and begin to use capital letters and full stops. Retell and adapt stories.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Learn about religious celebrations and practices in the Christian community, with a focus on why the cross is an important symbol for Christians at Easter. Explore the natural world around them and learn about spring in the forest.</p> <p>As we learn about the prehistoric world of the dinosaurs, we will extend our knowledge and have opportunities to research non fiction texts</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>Creative skills will develop on a small and large scale with the use of chalk, paint, pastels, modelling materials including clay and in movement listening and responding to music.</p>
Physical Development	<p>Regular mark making and handwriting practise following the Letterjoin precursive letter scheme. PE lessons focused on games, to move energetically, negotiating space and develop strength and coordination.</p>
French	<p>Cygnets will continue with the theme of classroom related objects.</p>
PSHE/No outsiders	<p>Work and play cooperatively with others. Be confident to try new activities and show independence. Through the story 'Hello Hello' by Brendan Wenzel, we will discuss how we are not all the same. We will learn that we can make friends with different people and discuss ways of how to make friends.</p>

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Please remember to label all your child's clothing with their name.
- Ensure your child's PE kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle, book bag and waterproof coat.

**USEFUL APPS**

- White Rose maths (free)
- Numberblocks (some free)
- Jolly phonics (£9.99)

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday
- Library books are changed on a Thursday.
- Forest school dates—Monday 2.03.26, 9.03.26 and 16.03.26
- Pupil progress meetings, week commencing 16.03.26
- Look and share 23.03.26 3:30-4:00 and 24.03.26 8:30-9:00
- Easter Fayre 20.3.26
- Last day of half term and Easter fayre 27.03.26

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